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Tokyo, Las Vegas, NYC, Market East?

Not exactly, but proposed design for 11th and Market streets would reinvent dim stretch of downtown

Stop me if you've heard this one before: Market East is set for a rebound.

After decades of decline and scrapped projects, developers are touting a new shopping complex featuring sexy Times Square-style animated signs as the domino that could jumpstart redevelopment on the once-famed stretch.

SSH Real Estate, which co-owns part of Girard Square across from The Gallery, said it is close to signing an anchor tenant for a 70,000-square-foot retail complex that would stretch from 11th to 12th streets on Market Street. The company claims the signage, which needs approval from City Council, is a key part of the deal though the project is a long way from construction.

One of SSH's partners tempered any idea of creating a Times Square look for Market East. But the possibility of such a look has garnered criticism in the past and once again during this proposal's early stages.

"It's not even really a fair comparison. It's not going to be close to that scale," said Pete Soens, partner in SSH.

Part of that activity is said to be a renovation of The Gallery by Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust to break up its uninviting concrete walls. While many remain skeptical about a turnaround, Soens and others insist it can happen.

"The real estate rents are not high enough and they haven't been high enough in Center City and Market East to justify the cost of the new construction," Soens said. "But if you have the anchor tenant and you have enough [retailers] come maybe you can get something like this done."

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▶ Girard Square at 11th and Market streets is currently an underused block of storefronts.

Residential rising

SSH is about a month away from opening 100 high-end apartments in a converted office building at 12th and Chestnut streets, Pete Soens said.

"The result is going to be instead of a low-end office building that was largely vacant, you're going to have 200 or so residents living there. Stuff like that is definitely going to help change Market East as well."

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Signage 'detracts'

Mary Tracy of the Society Created to Reduce Urban Blight and nearby residents said they want to see development along Market Street, but don't agree with gaudy signage.

- **"You might expect** to see that in Atlantic City and Las Vegas, but I haven't been anywhere where signage enhances. I think it detracts from most places where you find it," Tracy said. She is also concerned that the Commercial Advertising District could be requested by developers in other parts of the city.
- **City Council may** vote on the Commercial Advertising District legislation, introduced by Councilman Frank DiCicco, this week before it goes on summer recess.

Transit hub given $3.4M makeover

CHELTENHAM. SEPTA celebrated the completion of the Cheltenham and Ogontz Bus Loop renovation over the weekend. The $3.4 million, eight-month project includes new lighting, bus islands, additional bus shelters and trees.

The hub serves more than 5,000 riders a day on bus routes 6, 22, 80, C, XH, and H. It had been closed since last spring.

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One dead, two wounded in North Philly shooting

NORTH PHILADELPHIA. A 30-year-old man was killed in a triple shooting yesterday afternoon on the 2400 block of Oxford Street after he was hit six times in the head and torso.

The second victim is in critical condition with head and chest wounds, while the third is stable after being shot in the foot. No arrests have been made and no motive has been identified.

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In the news

Teenager shot in N. Philly

A 17-year-old boy is in critical condition after being shot six times Saturday night in the legs, stomach and arm at 10:30 p.m. in Strawberry Mansion. No arrests have been made.

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Philly LGBT parade shows a lot of Pride

Hundreds of Philadelphians came out for yesterday's annual Philly LGBT Pride Parade and Festival, which traveled from 13th and Locust streets to Penn's Landing's Great Plaza. According to Philly Pride, the sold-out festival was the largest single-day event at the Great Plaza to date.

"I'm here to celebrate the pride and joy there is to being gay," said Mark Castillo, 25, of Hatboro. "I'm with my boyfriend and friends, many of whom are not gay but just want to support. It's great that we can all come together and celebrate."

Floats bursting with balloons and go-go dancers traveled down Market, while men strapped into leather shorts and women wearing pasties shared sidewalk space with families.

"I wanted to immerse myself in the awesome queer culture of Philly — and look at cute people."

HUNTER O'NEILL, 22, OF BALA CYNWYD

"It's about being modern," said Steve and Marty McGinley, who pushed their infant in a stroller that towed a sign reading: "Born this way." "Families are what you make them now."

"People find Philly to be a safe haven," said 20-year-old Kate Gorman of West Chester. It's a diverse area and people are open-minded and tolerant."

Special guests included actress Aisha Tyler, Dawn Robinson from En Vogue and performers from the Philadelphia School of the Circus Arts. "Philly's got a lot of pride. It's good to be visible and make ourselves known," said managing director Robin Marcotte. "Why not complement it with an extremely visual art form?"

▶ The post-parade party was no outfits barred.

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▶ Kevin DeVincent, left, smooched boyfriend Mark Castillo.

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Fire companies from surrounding towns that assisted Camden's beleaguered fire department Saturday to fight the second, massive blaze at an industrial site in three days

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Fire companies from three counties that responded to the 12-alarm blaze Thursday that destroyed two abandoned buildings and 12 nearby homes in the Gateway section of the city. Officials have said it could take weeks to determine a cause.

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▶ Fourth and Winslow

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Firefighters laid off by the city of Camden due to budget problems. Many of those laid-off civil servants showed up to assist the fire department at the two major blazes.

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Combined hours both fires burned: four hours on Thursday from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. and three and a half hours from 2:30 a.m. to 6 a.m. on Saturday at the vacant Howland Croft, Sons & Co. building at Fourth and Winslow streets

Bed bugs, real and fake, in Philly this weekend

◗ Problem with nuisance critters isn't going away ◗ Pest companies won't let it fall off radar ◗ City second on a list of infested cities

Philadelphians were able to sleep a little tighter after yesterday's visit from Hot Shot's promotional team. Then again, the appearance could cause some nightmares.

They doled out samples of their spray along with advice on how to eradicate the critters in a city that Terminix ranked second in terms of infestations.

"You can take care of them immediately and cost-effectively with our spray, as opposed to debating if you should get an exterminator or not while the problem grows," said Ryan Hutcherson of Hot Shot. "We've seen a lot of people here with bites all over their arms and legs. One man had to throw out $20,000 worth of stuff because it became infested. That's what happens when you delay treating it."

Bed bugs already have garnered much attention in New York City in the last year, where infestations have cropped up in a surprisingly large number of diverse retail and apartment buildings.

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▶ What's up? Any idea where I can get a good night's sleep?

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Middle East uprisings have been called a feminist revolution But for the past several years women have quietly been gaining more freedom — through sports

Honey Thaljieh loves watching international football from her home in Bethlehem. Soon Thaljieh herself might play on global television: She's the founder of the Palestinians' new national women's team.

"In the beginning it was very difficult," recalls Thaljieh, 26, who also founded the West Bank's first female football team seven years ago. "People said it wasn't a game for women. Some said it wasn't feminine, and others thought men would look at us in our T-shirts." Today, Palestinians have no less than 16 female outdoor teams and 10 indoor teams.

Quoted

"People said it wasn't a game for women. Some thought men would look at us in our T-shirts. ... I want to show them that we're peaceful and well educated."

HONEY THALJIEH

Welcome to the revolution. "During the past five to 10 years, we've witnessed success stories in the Muslim world," explains Sertac Sehlikoglu, a Turkish Ph.D. student in social anthropolicy who runs the blog Muslim Women In Sports. "Love of sport seems to be female athletes' primary motivation. They also want to gain physical strength and become fit. Many of them are interested in sports for self-defense purposes, which they hope will provide them a higher self-esteem."

Today, nine Middle Eastern countries, including the UAE, Qatar and Iran, have women's football or futsal (indoor football) leagues. "People used to think that football was a strange Euro-

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▶ Palestinian Honey Thaljieh, right, runs by an Iranian player in a match. Iran's players wear uniforms that conform to Islamic rules.

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pean thing," says Farrah Sheikh, a 19-year-old who plays in Dubai's women's league. "I had to get special permission to play football in school. Now people are getting used to us playing, though at my university the women's team is only allowed to play indoors, while the men have two outdoor fields." Last year Bahrain hosted the world's first Women's Football Cup Arabia.

"Football is quite popular among Middle Eastern women," notes Sehlikoglu. "So are martial arts, swimming and track and field."

Bahrain's sprinter star Roqaya Al-Gassra runs fully covered. At last year's Asian Games, Iran's Khadijeh Azadpour won gold in sanshou (a combat sport) and Parisa Farshidi silver in taekwondo.

Honey Thaljieh sets her aim on the 2016 Olympics. "Of course we're not as good as the other Arab countries, because we don't have good facilities to practice in," she says. "I want to improve women's chances of doing sports." But she has another goal, too: "People think of us Palestinians as terrorists. I want to show them that we're peaceful."

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Female footballers

Iranian women love football. According to FIFA, it has three times as many female players as Portugal.

About the headscarves

TEHARN. Iran's football association is on the warpath with FIFA, which bans female players from wearing headscarves. The Middle East's top female athlete is Christian. But her sisters' success has created a new market: athletic gear for Muslim women. Designer Elham Seyed Javad has created a "sports jihab," while other companies sell body-covering gear for swimmers. There's even an Aspire4Sport conference about athletic clothing for Muslim women. MWN/EB

Analysis

'MIDEAST SHOULD BE PROUD'

Ghada Shouaa
Heptathlete, Syria's only Olympic champion (Atlanta 1996)

I left school at 16 and moved to Damascus with the goal of becoming a top athlete. Of course I'm happy that Arab women see me as a role model, but to get top athletes we need a big effort, starting with sports academies for young athletes. But Arab countries don't have the patience to wait for 10-12 years until their efforts bear fruit.

Arab women have been good at martial arts for a long time, but their new football enthusiasm has been a surprise to me. Of course, to get really good, we need a bigger effort there, too. Men laugh at women's teams. Instead, they should support them.

I'm proud that I was the first Arab woman to win an Olympic gold, but the Arab world hasn't utilized this victory. That makes me sad. People say "oh yes, we're proud," but they don't use it to build up sports in their countries.

Of course I hope women's sports will take off in the Arab world, but sometimes I doubt it. Arabic sports media, like al-Jazeera Sports, use European men, not Arab women, to comment on women's sports. If it remains like that, women's sports won't have a future in the Middle East. But as a woman, I'll fight for it!

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Hackers wanted IMF info

LONDON. A major cyber attack on the International Monetary Fund aimed to steal sensitive insider information, a cyber security expert said yesterday, as the race to lead the body which oversees global financial system heated up.

The U.S. Federal Bureau of Investigation is helping to investigate the attack on the IMF, the latest in a rash of cyber break-ins that have targeted high-profile companies and institutions. **REUTERS**

Attack in Syria

AMMAN. Tanks and helicopters stormed the Syrian town of Jisr al-Shughour yesterday, residents said, and state television said troops had taken control and chased out remnants of "armed terrorist organizations." It's the latest action in an attempt to crush demands for political freedom and an end to oppression that pose a challenge to the president's rule. **REUTERS**

First time we've seen Gabby since January

Congresswoman reunites with photographer friend for first photos after shooting 'It was very inspiring'

▶ New photos of Gabrielle Giffords were taken the day after the shuttle Endeavour launched with her husband aboard.

PHOTOS: P.K. WEIS/GIFFORDS CAMPAIGN – P.K. WEIS VIA GETTY IMAGES

The first photos of Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords since she was shot in January were released yesterday on her Facebook page.

The photos of the Arizona Democrat were taken by a professional photographer the day before her cranioplasty surgery in May.

"Any photographer in the country would have loved the opportunity to take these pictures and I was delighted to be asked," said photographer P.K. Weis of Southwestphotobank.com in a statement released with the photos.

In the photos, a smiling Giffords is seen with very short hair, wearing glasses and a burgundy shirt with a colorful collar.

The photos were taken May 17 at TIRR Memorial Hermann Hospital, the day after the launch of the Endeavour shuttle mission commanded by Giffords' husband Mark Kelly and the day before her surgery to replace a part of her skull.

Giffords has been recovering and undergoing therapy at the Houston hospital since she was shot on Jan. 8 at a political event in Tucson, Ariz. The 22-year-old suspected gunman now in custody, Jared Lee Loughner, allegedly fired into the crowd, wounding 13 people and killing six, including a federal judge, a child and one of Giffords' aides. **REUTERS**

▶ Gabrielle's mom, Gloria Giffords, attended the photo session.

'Inspiring'

Weis has known Giffords for more than a decade.

"It was very inspiring to see how much she had recovered in four and a half months. I was excited to see her and to see her smile. She was glad to see me, was in a good mood, smiling and laughing and seemed to enjoy the experience. I certainly did, too."

Palin e-mails offer inside glimpse, no big revelations

More than 24,000 pages of former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's e-mails show her coming to grips with mundane state issues, feuding with the media and dealing with her sudden rise to national prominence — but do not appear to contain any damaging material.

Alaska released the correspondence Friday, two and a half years after news organizations requested it under state open-records laws.

The initial request to see Palin's correspondence — much of it on private Yahoo e-mail accounts — was made in 2008 shortly after GOP presidential nominee John McCain chose Palin as his vice-presidential running mate.

Palin was then the subject of a legislative probe into accusations that she had abused her power as governor to seek revenge against a state trooper who had been married to her sister.

The e-mails come from the first two years of Palin's governorship, from December 2006 to September 2008. **REUTERS**

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Palin

Highlights

- "I may be pretty wimpy about this family stuff, but I feel like I'm at the breaking point with the hurtful gossip. ... I hate this part of the job, and many days I feel like it's not worth it."
- In a request to set up a meeting with McCain, several months before he chose Palin as his running mate: "I want to talk to McCain's people about his [Arctic National Wildlife Refuge] and resources positions."

News in brief

Mountain lion killed in Conn.

BOSTON. A mountain lion was killed just 70 miles from New York City early on Saturday morning, and officials were trying to determine if it was the same big cat spotted a week ago roaming the posh suburb of Greenwich, Connecticut.

The 140-pound mountain lion was hit by a small SUV on a highway in Milford, Conn., early Saturday morning and died from its injuries. The driver was unhurt, officials said. **REUTERS**

Apple worker starts a union

SAN FRANCISCO. An Apple Inc. store employee has started a union in a rare move at a company known for its near-fanatical following and cutting-edge mystique.

Cory Moll, a part-time employee, is working to form a union to fight for better wages and benefits and to address what he says are unfair practices in the company's glass-and-steel retail showrooms.

"The core issues definitely involve compensation, pay, benefits," Moll said, adding that he decided to go public with the union to encourage other employees to come forward. **REUTERS**

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Batali, on Paltrow: 'She's hard as a rock'

Who could have a bigger appetite than **Mario Batali**? According to the legendary chef, it's none other than his good friend, **Gwyneth Paltrow**. We chatted with Batali at the unveiling of his new Web series for Bing, "Decisions with Mario Batali," which features short vignettes of Batali (directed by **Fisher Stevens**) offering his culinary words of wisdom, and asked the million-dollar question: Does Gwynnie really have as big of an appetite as she claims? "Bigger," he told us. "She can eat more than a truck driver. She can eat more than me. Keep in mind she exercises two-and-a-half to three hours a day, like a lady of means might be able to, and she can eat because of that. Have you ever touched her? She's hard as a rock. Like, every part of her." Seems even Batali himself has perfected one of the recipes in Gwyneth's new cookbook, "My Father's Daughter." "You know what I made that I'm really happy about? You take anchovies and put bread crumbs on them and bake them, with a little bit of squeezed tomato, and dry them, and then crumble them over pasta. It's a new part of my summer repertoire," he says.

With additional reporting by Meredith Engel

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▶ Lily Allen and Sam Cooper wed Saturday in Gloucestershire, England.

A big weekend for Lily Allen

It was an exciting Saturday for singer **Lily Allen**, who married longtime boyfriend **Sam Cooper**. He used the wedding's reception as the perfect opportunity to announce his new bride is pregnant, according to the Daily Mail. "There were tears all around," a source says. "This is the happiest day of Lily and Sam's lives and they are so in love. This is the icing on the wedding cake." Allen is reportedly thrilled but cautious, given that she suffered a miscarriage last November. "Lily's scared, there's a long way to go," says a source, adding that Allen is about three months along. "But the happiness outweighs the fear."

Talking points

Spears engaged?

Britney Spears is reportedly sitting on some big news, as sources say she's ready to announce she and **Justin Trawick** are engaged, according to Hollyscoop. "She's on cloud nine," a source says. "Britney is desperate to settle down again and have more children. But she is very traditional and didn't want to start a family with Jason until they'd tie the knot." Trawick reportedly proposed by filling their home with roses and candles and writing Spears a poem.

Gomez in hospital

After seeming fine during a "Tonight Show" performance, 18-year-old pop singer **Selena Gomez** was rushed to the hospital complaining of nausea and a severe headache, according to TMZ. She spent the night at the hospital, with her rep only saying that the singer was "currently undergoing routine tests."

Mary-Kate & Kanye: K-I-S-S-I-N-G

Mary-Kate and **Ashley Olsen** have both been turning heads lately thanks to the men they've been spending time with. First, Ashley was reportedly spotted at several events with **Justin Timberlake**, according to Us Weekly. While Timberlake's rep insists the two are just friends, a source insists, "They are hooking up." And now Mary-Kate has been hitting the town with rapper **Kanye West**, according to E! Online. The two hit up West's birthday party at a New York City nightclub, where eyewitnesses claim they were seen kissing.

Double the pleasure

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▶ Christina Hendricks was feeling Blue (Label) on Thursday night.

She's red-hot for scotch

We know what Christina Hendricks' dad is getting this Father's Day, and he is a lucky man. We caught up with the "Mad Men" star at an exclusive Father's Day gifting event for Johnnie Walker in New York, where she had "Happy Father's Day" engraved on a bottle of Blue Label. "It's a one-of-a-kind gift," she told us.

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or less.

Joan Rivers isn't loving the weather, Russell Crowe is enjoying vacation, Ke$ha appreciates her fans and Seth MacFarlane is controlling his mood.

▶ @Joan_Rivers
The weather here in New York City is hot, humid and muggy. YUCK! It's so sticky, I feel like a human Post-It!

▶ @russellcrowe
Today I rode a jet ski from Positano to Amalfi and back...how was your day?

▶ @keshasuxx
I wish I could give every single one of u a tiny truck stop figurine of a dragon.

▶ @SethMacFarlane
Thank you, Don Henley music. I was in too good a mood just then.

Russell Crowe

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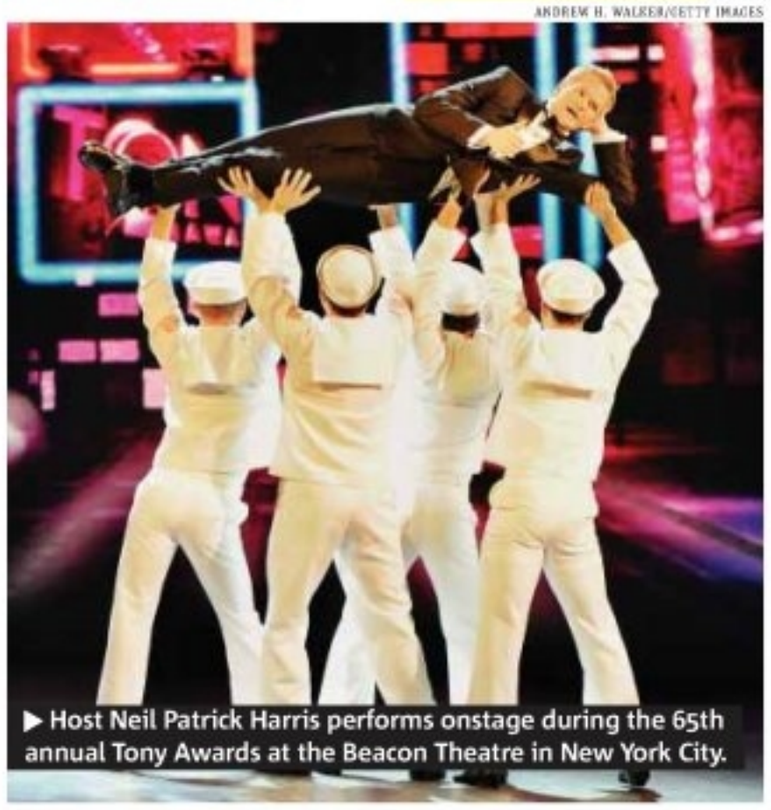

▶ Host Neil Patrick Harris performs onstage during the 65th annual Tony Awards at the Beacon Theatre in New York City.

Few big surprises at the Tony Awards

Known host and safe humor ease transition for Tonys ◗ Christianity and homosexuality running themes ◗ 'Book of Mormon' racks up awards

Last night, the 65th annual Tony Awards aired live on CBS. Despite concerns over a new venue, this year marked a successful transition from Radio City Music Hall, a 5,933-seater where the show's been since 1997, to Beacon Theatre, a former movie theater with half the house capacity. Neil Patrick Harris hosted for the second time — kicking off with a traditionally tongue-in-cheek number about how, with Mormons and nuns and businessmen and superheroes, "Broadway's not just for gays anymore."

Winners

- **Best Performance by an Actor in a Featured Role in a Play:** John Benjamin Hickey, "Normal Heart"
- **Best Performance by an Actress in a Featured Role in a Musical:** Nikki M. James, "Book of Mormon"
- **Best Direction of a Play:** Marianne Elliot and Tom Morris, "War Horse"

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At press time, American Theatre Wing award recipients for featured roles in a play were Ellen Barkin (presented by Alec Baldwin) and John Benjamin Hickey (presented by Viola Davis), both starring in "The Normal Heart." Winning directors were Casey Nicholaw and Trey Parker for musical "The Book of Mormon" as well as Marianne Elliot and Tom Morris for the play "War Horse."

The first half of the program showcased musical numbers from "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying," "Catch Me If You Can" and "Scottsboro Boys." Other sequences included comedy from John Leguizamo (currently starring in "Ghetto Klown") and six obligatory "Spider-Man" jokes in 30 seconds by Neil Patrick Harris.

A showdown between NPH and former host Hugh Jackman and performances from "Sister Act," "Anything Goes" and "The Book of Mormon," up for a 14 Tonys, rounded out the show.

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Ewan McGregor: The best son ever

In 'Beginners,' the onetime Obi-Wan stars as a son reconnecting with his newly out-of-the-closet father How he and onscreen dad Christopher Plummer formed a familial bond over skinny jeans

COURTESY OF FOCUS FEATURES

Melanie Laurent and Ewan McGregor co-star in "Beginners," opening Friday.

Given his long and eclectic résumé, Ewan McGregor has developed a reputation for choosing interesting, original film projects. But even he admits he's made a few missteps, including an early dalliance in the world of Jane Austen adaptations.

"I remember after 'Trainspotting,' I made a film called 'Emma,' which was a very fine film, but I was terrible in it because I felt like I decided to do it because I should be seen to be doing that," he admits. "As a result, I was shockingly bad in it."

McGregor's latest, "Beginners," from writer-director Mike Mills, definitely skews more independent. McGregor stars as Oliver, a graphic designer whose 75-year-old father (Christopher Plummer) comes out of the closet after the death of Oliver's mother.

It's a project that is a labor of love for McGregor, which can't always be the case, realistically speaking.

"I can honestly say I've never done a job just for the money, but sometimes you've got some independent scripts and a bigger one, and you think, 'Well, I've made three or four independent films,' so sometimes that factors into your decision-making a little bit," he admits. "I think that's all right, isn't it? Does that make me a bad person?"

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McGregor and Plummer do skinny jeans

"We met and had lunch in The Beverly Hills Hotel, and then [director Mike Mills] sent us off to Barney's," McGregor explains. "He gave me $200 and he said that I had to buy Christopher a scarf. I'm not exactly sure what he told Christopher, but Christopher became obsessed with skinny jeans. That's all he wanted to buy. He said, 'They are very tight.' I said, 'Well, those are skinny jeans. The people call them skinny jeans.' So he became obsessed with skinny jeans. And as I was trying to drag him back to the scarves, he kept disappearing over to the jeans section. I did eventually get him a scarf, after having put about $1,200 worth of black skinny jeans on my credit card."

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Easy win for 'Super' movie

"Super 8" easily claimed the top spot at the weekend box office in North America, despite concerns about the secretive marketing campaign for the sci-fi mystery with a no-name cast.

According to studio estimates issued yesterday, the Paramount Pictures release earned about $37 million during its first three days of release, exceeding the studio's lowball forecast in the $25 million to $30 million range.

The film earned an additional $1 million through a Twitter-related round of sneak previews on Thursday.

In a summer of sequels and superheroes, "Super 8" is the first original, live-action non-sequel to take the No. 1 slot in almost three months. The thriller

▶ "Super 8" hit the top spot this weekend.

"Limitless" led the field during the weekend of March 18-20.

Last weekend's champion, "X-Men: First Class," the fifth entry in the Marvel comic book series, slipped to No. 2 with $25 million. It was followed by "The Hangover, Part II" with $18.5 million in its third weekend. REUTERS

The rundown

The top 10 movies at the North American box office:

1. 'Super 8' $37 million
2. 'X-Men: First Class' $25 million
3. 'The Hangover: Part II' $18.5 million
4. 'Kung Fu Panda 2' $16.6 million
5. 'Pirates of the Caribbean' $10.9 million
6. 'Bridesmaids' $10.2 million
7. 'Judy Moody' $6.3 million
8. 'Midnight in Paris' $6.1 million
9. 'Thor' $2.4 million
10. 'Fast Five' $1.7 million

TV watch list

'Nora Roberts' Carnal Innocence'

MOVIE. If you name your town Innocence, you're just asking for serial-killer trouble, like in this whodunit starring Gabrielle Anwar and Colin Egglesfield. **8 p.m., Lifetime**

'Matter of Taste: Serving Up Paul Liebrandt'

MOVIE. This celebration of the NYC chef's avant-garde concepts and haute cuisine doesn't, ahem, sugarcoat the sacrifices he's made through the highs (becoming the youngest chef to earn a three-star rating from the New York Times) and lows (flipping burgers) of his career. **9 p.m., HBO**

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▶ Colin Egglesfield and Gabrielle Anwar star as Tucker Longstreet and Caroline Waverly in "Nora Roberts' Carnal Innocence," premiering tonight on Lifetime.

'The Bachelorette'

REALITY. Ashley and her remaining suitors travel to Thailand. Perhaps a change of scenery can help prevent her from making some of the most terrible decisions in the history of this show. **8 p.m., ABC**

'Nurse Jackie'

COMEDY. Kelly makes the kind of confession that's going to have Jackie — who's trying to dose down with the help of O'Hara — reach for her pills. **10 p.m., Showtime**

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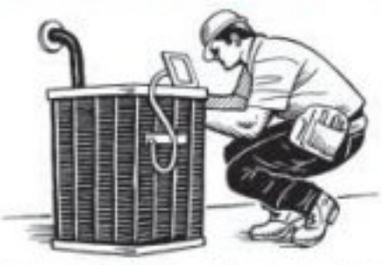

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Get to know Jordana Beatty

The 13-year-old Australian tyke takes on boredom and Bigfoot in her new film, 'Judy Moody and the NOT Bummer Summer,' in theaters now

▶ Jordana Beatty, front, stars with Heather Graham in "Judy Moody and the NOT Bummer Summer."

What's the most repetitive question you get asked on interviews?
"How much are you like Judy Moody?" That's the one that everyone asks. I say we have the same color hair, we both have a good imagination, we both get in a lot of moods and we both collect things.

I heard you started to collect restaurant mints, but then you ate them all!
Yes, [it] didn't really work out, I guess. I have a lot more collections.

What else do you collect?
Penny presses, state quarters, business cards, key chains from different cities ...

How are you and Judy Moody different?
We both live in two different sides of the planet. She has a little brother and I just have cousins, no siblings. And we definitely don't have the same fashion sense. Hers is — nothing matches, ever. I try and match things.

Quoted

What's your favorite subject in school?
Geography, definitely. I love learning about different places in the world and studying atlases and different countries' cultures.

Now that you've been interviewed a bunch, who would you want to interview and why?
Probably Selena Gomez. I just like her in general, and I like her voice as well.

What's the last song you listened to on repeat like a maniac?
I'm one of those people who, whatever's on the radio goes, but I really like all of Katy Perry's songs.

Do you want to be an actor when you grow up?
Yeah, I think so.

What would you like to be if you don't stay in showbiz?
I've always — this is really weird — [wanted to] work in customs at an airport. It's really weird! It's cool how they question everybody, and then they've got those cameras and the fingerprints and everything. I've always loved different TV shows about airport security, but I still want to work somewhere in the acting business, like [as] a director or an actor.

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The J.J. Abrams formula for success

The release of 'Super 8' proved to be a major win for J.J. Abrams
But it's part of a long string of hits that follow a familiar pattern

The hottest producer/writer/director in Hollywood just knocked another one right out of the park with "Super 8," which topped the weekend box office with $38 million in its debut. But what is it about J.J. Abrams' projects that make them so irresistible? We consider the key traits:

Secrecy

One of the magnetic draws to an Abrams project is the tantalizingly minimal amount of details he'll let leak. Similar to the mystery surrounding "Super 8" co-producer Steven Spielberg's work, many of their new film's plot points were kept under wraps right up until it hit theaters.

Government conspiracies

In Abrams' universe, Big Brother is always up to something, and usually it isn't for the benefit of mankind. In "Alias," Sydney Bristow suffered the killing of her fiance at the hands of feds once she told him about the group's existence. In "Super 8," the government seems to be hiding something from the people of Lillian, who experience increasingly strange occurrences in their little town.

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▶ J.J. Abrams, far right, directs 'Super 8' stars Riley Griffiths (next to Abrams) and Joel Courtney.

Weird creatures

Based usually on a combination of insect/protean mass, the creatures that pop up in Abrams' monster movies are huge, creepy and the kind of thing that makes you itchy the minute you think of it.

Updating the classics

Abrams re-energized "Star Trek," a franchise that had lost its cool factor, revamping it for the new millennium with a punchy script and sexual tension. And while some critics might disagree, the cinema verite style of "Cloverfield" brought the old-school monster movie to new levels of the frightfully believable.

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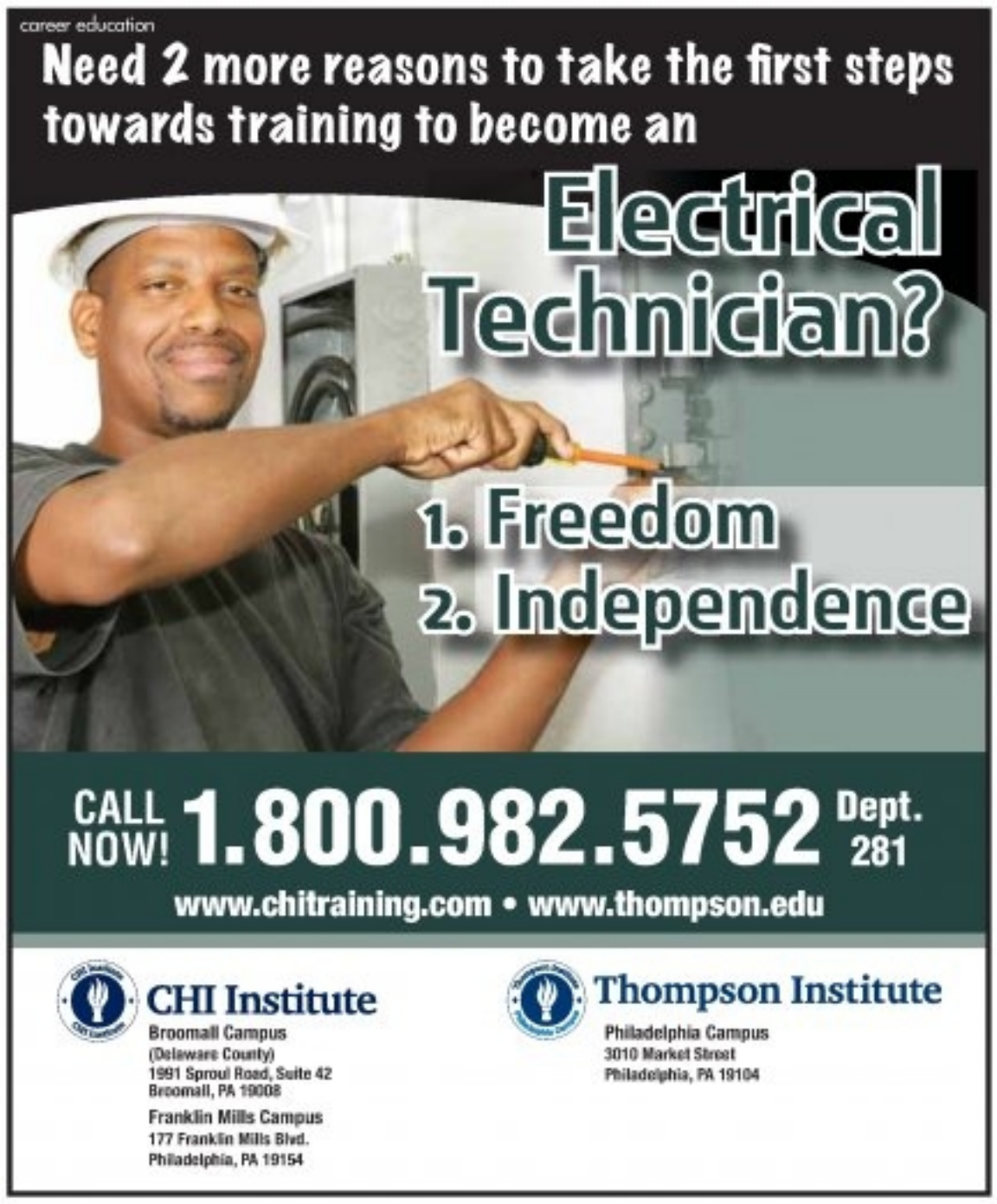
Viral campaigns

Abrams is the king of hidden clues, which he embeds within viral websites that fans scour for hints. Dharma Initiative commercials ran during airings of "Lost" and directed viewers to a website where fans could peruse job listings and mysterious explanations of the organization's mission. 2008's "Cloverfield" was preceeded by marketing for Slusho!, a fictional Asian beverage that also appeared in Abrams' TV show "Alias." Some Abrams theorists believe that the creature in "Cloverfield" was created as a byproduct of the making of Slusho!.



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Turn a chat into a job interview

Sometimes you find yourself talking to the right person How to turn small talk into something more

▶ Play it cool and confident, and a chance run-in could turn into a job opportunity.

The craftiest of job seekers know how to flip small talk into a big opportunity.

You've heard of these types: They bump into an industry bigwig at a wedding or in an elevator and by the time cake is served or the doors open — ding — they've scheduled a job interview.

"It's a skill that can be learned," career coach Alex Freund says. "You have to develop something I call the 'likeability factor.' If you come off as flat, apathetic, depressed, who wants to talk to you?"

Play it cool, "Social Networking for Career Success" author Miriam Salpeter says. "You don't want to corner the person or make them feel like you're putting all your eggs in their basket," she says. "It's very stressful when someone feels like you're relying on them."

Use these strategies next time you find yourself seated next to the executive between you and your dream job:

Start with small talk

The right place to kick off some career-making chitchat is on common ground, Freund suggests.

"You need to establish a rapport," he says. "It can be talk about weather, human interests or commonalities like common friends. But soon after, get to the point."

Don't feel like you need to put on a one-man play explaining how you wound up jobless, either. "Guilt pushes people in transition to talk about why they're not working," Freund says. "Just say 'I'm in transition.'"

Make it a conversation

If you're looking to hear a quick and easy "no," Salpeter warns, ask a stranger point-blank if he or she has a job. If you actually want a job, she adds, ask broad, generalized questions that flatter the person's expertise.

"You want to make it a conversation, a two-way street," she says. "You can provide information as well as ask for it."

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Expert tips

Use your network

The person you're talking to almost certainly isn't hiring. But that person almost certainly knows somebody — who knows somebody — who is. "Say, 'I don't expect you to have an opening in this area, but perhaps you can share with me some thoughts about ways I can find out who's hiring.'"

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If you're planning to become a teacher, going straight for your master's is an increasingly popular option

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, 44 percent of veteran K-12 teachers had a master's degree as of 2008. Almost all of them earned the degree years after landing their first teaching job. But these days, 20 percent of first-time teachers have a master's degree before stepping foot in a classroom.

Increasingly, colleges are offering an accelerated, five-year bachelor's/master's degree program combo in order to adjust for this trend. Drexel University in Philadelphia is among the many schools experimenting with this hybrid degree.

"Going straight through from bachelor's to master's has its advantages, and it's becoming more popular," says William Lynch, dean of the education school at Drexel. He estimates that about a third of his grad students came directly from undergrad. "It can definitely be a challenge once you're teaching to pursue a master's — splitting your focus on your job and education."

But a master's program forces students to choose an area of specialization. Should a teacher be a specialist before actually teaching a class?

"If you're already in a teacher-education program, my advice is to get your license to teach and to teach as soon as possible," says Jane Bailey, dean of the education school at Post University. "You're going to make a better decision about your specialty area after you've actually been in the job market."

Master's benefits

An undergrad/grad hybrid degree program allows students to obtain multiple certifications; this is useful when applying for jobs.

"[Students] can pursue a position in mathematics, but they might also have an endorsement in ESL. The more needs you can fill, the more desirable you are as a new hire," says Sarah P. Ulrich, the education program director at Drexel.

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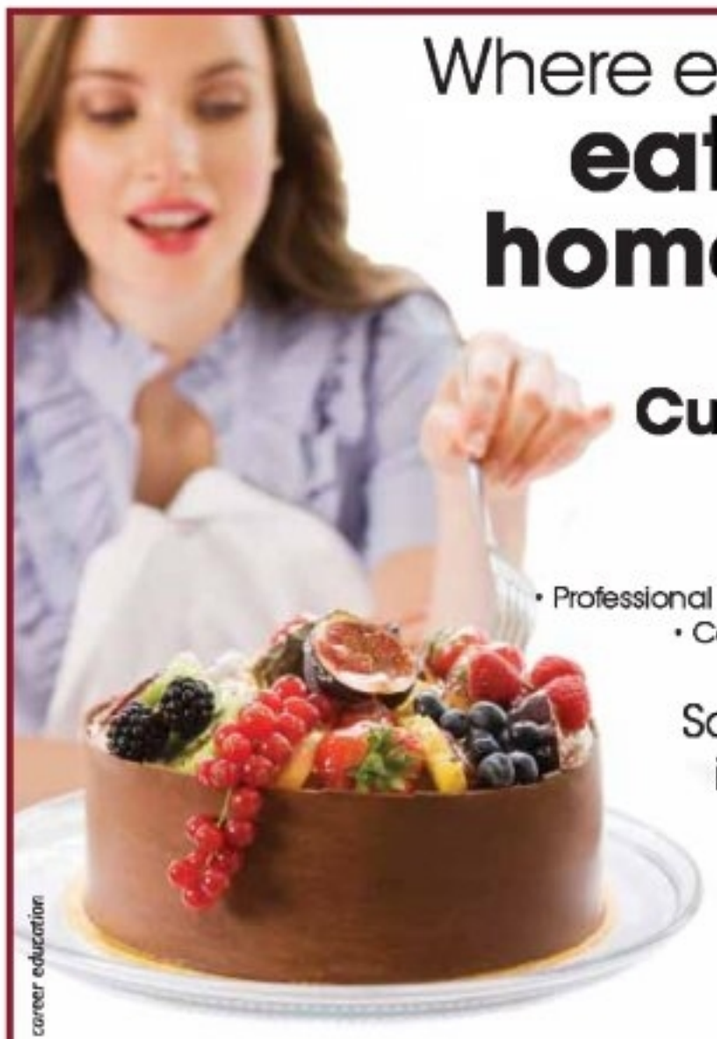

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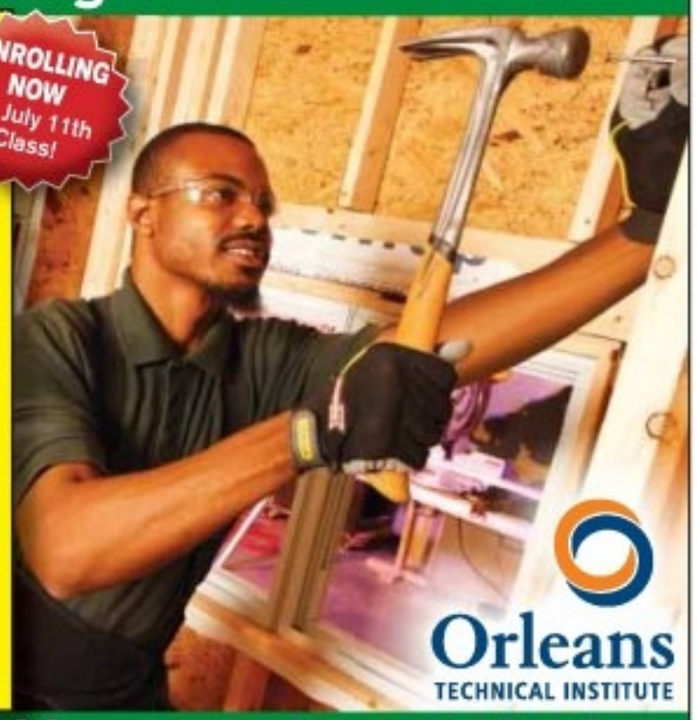

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Learning with the laptop open

Curious professors spied on their students' Internet usage What they found about lecture surfing habits

▶ Would you let your professor — or boss — have access to your browsing history?

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When students bring their laptops to class, are they using them to take notes and do research or to read Gawker and chat with their friends?

Just asking them doesn't necessarily lead to an accurate picture. When answering a questionnaire, a respondent may fudge the truth to look good — or may honestly not realize how much time he or she is wasting.

To find out, some professors decided to spy on students and see what they were actually doing on their laptops during class.

Professor Jeff Sovern of St. John's University hired research assistants to sit in the back of his classroom. He told his law students that the RAs were there to observe, but didn't tell them what they were observing — which was what websites people visited.

Sovern found that only 4 percent of first-year students used their computers for non-class tasks, compared to more than 50 percent of second- and third-year students. He has therefore barred second- and third-year students from using laptops, though he still allows first-year students to do so.

University of Vermont business professors James Kraushaar and David Novak took a more direct approach — they got 45 students to let them install spyware on their laptops. (More than 50 other students said "no.")

The average student visited 65 new, active windows during a class, though one averaged 174 new windows per lecture. About two-thirds of all windows that the 45 students opened involved activities that had nothing to do with the class, including instant messaging and e-mail.

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Turn off the chat

When the Vermont researchers correlated computer activities to student grades, only one activity was consistently associated with lower test scores: instant messaging. This was also the activity the students most seriously underreported on questionnaires: 40 percent of the students who used IM told their professor they had never done so.

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The Weiner inside us all

Anthony Weiner is simply the most recent in a long line of high-level people who have done what a very large amount of people do daily. Unfortunately, for him it will seriously hurt his private life and career. It may even become his primary legacy. One of the causes for this behavior is how we suppress natural sexual expression between people in our society. We deem it fully OK to show people killing each other on film and TV but do not allow showing an act of intimacy and love. We will continue to see many more examples of Weinergate until someone dares to address real problems. **STAN JACOBSON, VIA E-MAIL**

Oh, so now the people matter?

Some 56 percent of Weiner's constituents do not want him to resign, which means if people are paid off they will accept any behavior. Others are not clouded by extortion. He wanted to end the controversy in its midst by saying he needs to do the "work of the people." How come then he had so much time to Twitter? Did the work of the people not matter then? **DAVID DIBELLO, VIA E-MAIL**

Down with Chairman O

Chairman Obama has, in less than four years, mortally wounded this once-great nation. Presidential candidate Tim Pawlenty has a novel idea: Allow people to keep more of their money. The election comes down to this: Most of the 47 percent of the households that pay no federal income tax want the other 53 percent, who do, to pay more! **JOSEPH DUPONT, VIA E-MAIL**

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Now that Obama's henchmen have succeeded in making Sarah Palin's e-mails public, we the citizens should demand that his pre-presidential e-mails be made public. I guarantee that his dirt is much more interesting. **JOHN E. BEVAN, MANAYUNK**

What happened to basketball?

Can you imagine changing the rules of the game of soccer to allow the players to touch the soccer ball? Well, that's exactly what they've done to the NBA. They have allowed walking or traveling, taking two steps or more without dribbling, to cease to be a violation. The ability to take those steps turns an average player into a very good player. **LARRY BLONG, VIA E-MAIL**

Horoscope

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Unless you manage your assignments strategically, your projects could begin to overlap and end up in one big jumbled mess. Don't try to do too many things at once.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** You don't like to be controlled, so understand that others don't like to be manipulated either. If you try to run them, you'll not only meet with resentment but anger as well.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Fail to think for yourself and you invite others to make decisions for you. Unfortunately, the wrong people will usually use it to their advantage.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Be prepared to back up any claims you make, because there are always those who will challenge your statements, especially if what you say could affect them.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** When dealing with a friend, it is extremely important that you conduct everything in a businesslike fashion. If you don't, either you or your pal could feel taken advantage of.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** If you realize a decision you made is a real stinker, don't feel obligated to go through with it. Mistakes that are not corrected are destined to lead to nothing but trouble.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Problems are likely to arise with persons who are either working for you or with you, if you don't deal with them very carefully and diplomatically. Be full of care and tact.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Unfortunately, it could be quite easy for you to take a flyer on a flimsy enterprise. Slow down your involvement in any investment proposal until you have time to investigate it thoroughly.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Be careful about being unduly insistent upon having your own way, regardless of the reason. You stand a chance of alienating someone whose cooperation you need.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** People will not take caustic remarks lying down. If you make a nasty gibe about someone, it will quickly be reported to that person.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Unless you stay on top of your spending, given half a chance your extravagant inclinations could get the best of you. It's to your advantage to be prudent.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** It behooves you to keep a cool head if you find yourself having to contend with more work than you think is reasonable. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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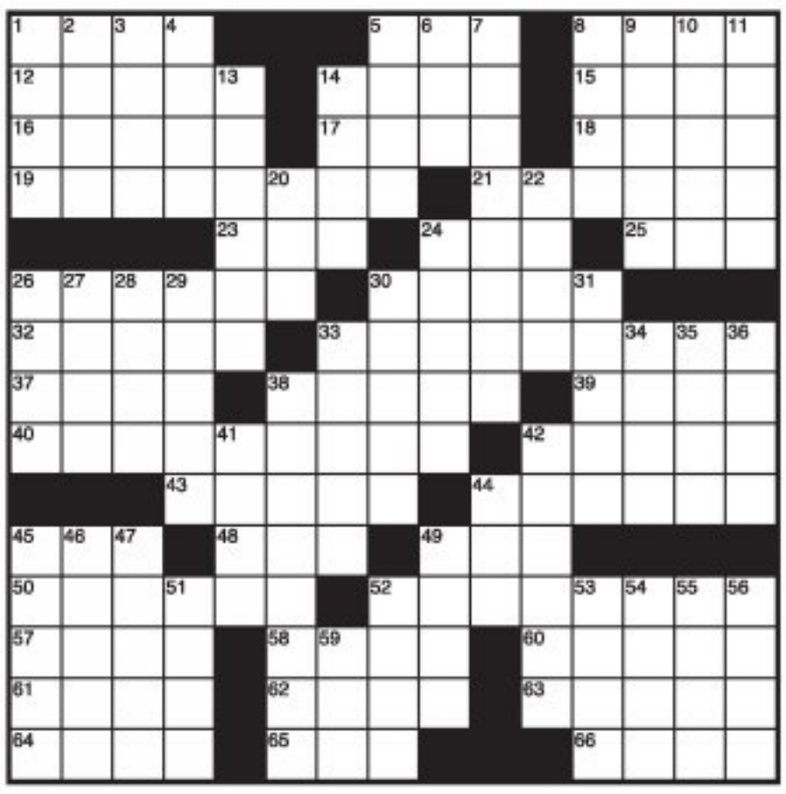

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Solution to weekend's crossword

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Five alive: Gordon takes flag at Pocono

Make it five for Jeff Gordon.

The soon-to-be 40-year-old driver won for the fifth time at Pocono Raceway yesterday, after leading most of the final 40 laps. The victory moved Gordon into a tie for third on NASCAR's career wins list, with 84. He is tied with Bobby Allison and Darrell Waltrip.

"When you see what he's done in his career, not just this decade, not just in the 2000s, but all the way back to the '90s, he's a true legend in this sport," Kurt Busch told reporters.

Busch finished second, with his brother, Kyle, in third. Gordon, who won at Phoenix International Raceway in February, has multiple wins in a season for the first time since 2007. He had gone 66 races without a checkered flag prior to Phoenix. METRO

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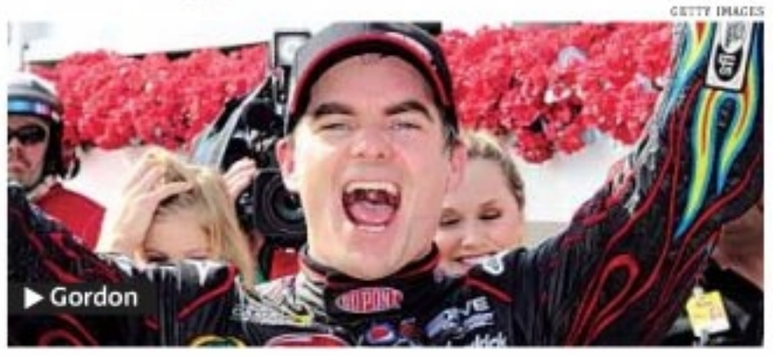

▶ Gordon

No middle ground for these Eagles

Ex-Eagle says Reid's linebackers shaky against run Evans reflects on time with Buddy Ryan Takes part in clinic at Plymouth Whitemarsh

Turn back the clock 20 years and Byron Evans was the kind of middle linebacker everybody but Andy Reid seems to love.

Evans was a fierce hitter for Buddy Ryan's Eagles, a man with the strength to take on running backs and the speed to stick with wide receivers. Today, he's an Arizona-based minister who spent this past weekend at a hands-on clinic for 200 high school students at Plymouth Whitemarsh, along with former Eagles Ron Jaworski, Fred Barnett, Calvin Williams and Mark McMillian.

Evans still follows his old team enough to know they haven't had a solid presence in the middle since injury forced him to the sidelines in 1994. He said he resents the current owners-players feud, insisting there's enough pie for everyone to have a slice.

"Now they have linebackers who only play two downs," laughed the 47-year-old Evans. "I played all three downs. I was able to carry 240 pounds, run with running backs and take on a 320-pound blocker. I still enjoy the Eagles. Their linebackers have a lot of speed, but aren't as good against the run. You have to pick your poison."

Many believe the Eagles' defensive problems could be solved if Reid valued the position the way Ryan did.

▶ Evans, today

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Tackles for Byron Evans, including 3.5 sacks, in his eight-year Eagles career. He also had 13 interceptions.

And Evans doesn't disagree with that assessment.

"We came up with Buddy," said Evans, who points to San Francisco's Patrick Willis as a modern middle linebacker built in his image. "He picked us and knew what he wanted. But the Eagles have a different game plan now, with the way they play."

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▶ Evans recorded 175 tackles in 1992.

Milestone

Two more hits for Yankees star

Derek Jeter recorded career hit No. 2,993 with an RBI single yesterday against Cleveland.

The Yankee captain is just seven hits away from becoming the 28th member of MLB's 3,000-hit club.

Jeter notched his 2,992nd hit earlier in the game. He was 2-for-5 with two RBIs.

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Union earns point

The Union battled Real Salt Lake to a 1-1 draw this past weekend.

Keon Daniels opened the scoring in the 24th minute to give Peter Nowak's squad the early lead. But Fabian Espindola tied it up in the 53rd.

With the draw, the Union are tied for first place with New York. The club heads to Vancouver on Saturday. METRO

Panama stuns US

The U.S. men's soccer team lost to Panama, 2-1, this past weekend at the CONCACAF Gold Cup in Florida.

The surprising result was Panama's first victory over the heavily-favored Americans in nine meetings. The U.S. can still clinch a spot in the tourney's quarterfinals with a win over Guadeloupe in its final Group C stage match tomorrow night in Kansas City. METRO

Area guards learn from an All-Star

Jardine, Chennault, Ayers attend Chris Paul's hoops camp Take part in shooting drills, get advice on NBA life Seventeen players make trip

No matter where it is, Philadelphia always represents well in the basketball world. Such was the case this past weekend at Chris Paul's CP3 Elite Guard Camp in Winston-Salem, N.C.

Three of the 17 college players selected to participate in the camp were Philly natives, including Syracuse senior Scoop Jardine (Neumann-Goretti), Wake Forest sophomore Tony Chennault (Neumann-Goretti) and Bucknell sophomore Cameron Ayers (Germantown Academy).

"It was definitely an honor to come out here and learn from one of the best point guards in the league and the world," Ayers said.

The players fine-tuned their skills by learning from Chris Paul, who demonstrated the ballhandling and shooting drills he has perfected to become a perennial All-Star. Paul also had a chance to explain to the players what it takes to be a great NBA point guard.

"It's kind of cool," Chennault said, "because he's an NBA All-Star and he's at the camp all day, and it's 24-hour access while we're at the camp."

▶ Ayers

Other college players in attendance were North Carolina's Harrison Barnes and Kendall Marshall, Duke's Seth Curry and Andre Dawkins, Florida's Kenny Boynton and Wisconsin's Jordan Taylor.

"Philly has got a lot of talent," Jardine said, "and it's always great to get noticed for the talent we got in our city."

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▶ Jardine averaged 12.5 points per game last season.

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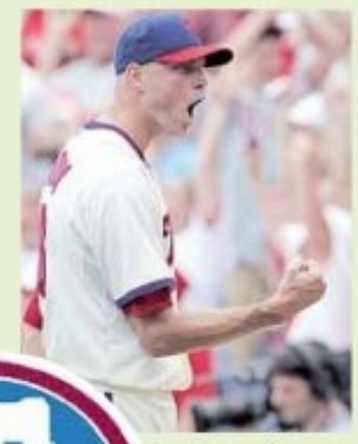

1 Out of left field. Conventional wisdom once said that the Big Piece couldn't handle left-handed pitchers. Throw that out the window. Howard delivered the key at-bat yesterday, when he stroked a two-run single off tough lefty specialist Sean Marshall in the seventh inning. Howard was 3-for-3, with the other two hits coming off left-handed starter Doug Davis.

2 Wizard of Os. Roy Oswalt labored through a shaky first inning — the Phillies starter surrendered three runs — before settling in and throwing six scoreless frames. Oswalt (4-4) snapped a four-game personal losing streak, and picked up his first win since April 21. His first-inning strikeout of Kosuke Fukudome gave him 1,700 for his career.

3 Eighth wonder. The Phillies' bullpen continues to excel, especially in the late innings, with the game on the line. Protecting a one-run lead in the eighth, Michael Stutes mowed down the heart of the Cubs' order. The young right-hander struck out two and needed just 10 total pitches, ending the frame with a nasty slider that fooled Aramis Ramirez. Then, Ryan Madson worked a perfect ninth for his 15th save. **MIKE GREGER**

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For whatever reason, the Bruins left their emotion and energy back at home Friday night, and it cost them dearly in Game 5 at Vancouver.

Tonight, the Bruins are back at the Garden for the final time this season, and there should be no shortage of urgency.

For the first time this postseason, the Bruins face elimination in a non-Game 7 setting, and the stakes couldn't be higher: They're looking to even the Stanley Cup finals at three games apiece and force an epic Game 7 on Wednesday night back in Vancouver.

"Our fans, they've been great all year and all playoffs, they've given us that extra jump and energy that we've needed," center Patrice Bergeron said. "It's up to us, and in front of our fans, to take all that energy and emotion that's going to be in the building and carry that out on the ice."

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▶ Patrice Bergeron and the Bruins will look to feed off the crowd tonight.

The Bruins are 0-2 in Game 6s so far this postseason, but both times the situations was reversed, with the Bruins on the road and leading Montreal and Tampa Bay 3-2.

This time, the Bruins will be at home, where they've won five straight and nine of their past 10 postseason games.

And they take the ice tonight as the desperate team. That served them well in overcoming previous series deficits, including losing the first two games of the finals before outscoring the Canucks 12-1 in two games at the Garden last week.

"I look at our resolve during the season and different times when we have had to come up large," Bruins coach Claude Julien said. "Our guys have always responded well, and I have a lot of confidence in our team. The reason we're here is because those guys have delivered, and I don't expect that to change."

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▶ **The situation**
The Canucks are one game from the Stanley Cup after Friday's 1-0 shutout up north. The B's, meanwhile, must win to force a Game 7.

▶ **What's next**
If Boston wins, the deciding game is scheduled for Wednesday night (8 p.m., NBC). If Vancouver wins, B's fans are looking at a long summer with no hockey — and no new banner in the rafters.

▶ **The pick**
We'd *love* to say Boston has another rabbit in its hat. But Vancouver looks to have fixed its issues. **Canucks, 3-1**

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Fuel-efficient not proving cost-efficient

Fed may stop its financing to auto industry after only one-third of proposed $25 billion has been issued ◗ Most loans have gone to making gasoline engines more energy-efficient

The government may not be able to extend as much financing as initially planned under a $25 billion loan program aimed at helping auto and other companies make more fuel-efficient vehicles.

The Government Accountability Office said in a report last week that the Energy Department has exhausted most of the credit subsidy needed to underwrite loans that so far have totaled only a third of available funds.

Subsidy costs were higher than anticipated due partly to the "risky financial situation" of companies that received some $8.4 billion in financing since 2009, GAO said.

Ford Motor Co. received $5.9 billion in loans to Nissan Motor's $1.4 billion. Fisker Automotive Inc. took $529 million; Tesla Motors Inc. got $465 million.

Most of the money loaned so far has gone to factory retooling projects aimed at making gasoline engines more efficient.

Nissan spent money on its new Leaf electric car. Tesla and Fisker are also investing in electric-vehicle technology.

The Energy Department is currently considering 16 projects seeking $9.3 billion in loans that would require roughly $3.5 billion in subsidy costs.

The credit subsidy balance was originally $7.5 billion. It now stands at $4.2 billion.

Chrysler, which is under management control of Fiat SpA, is seeking some $3.5 billion in loans. The company has yet to qualify for financing. REUTERS

Withdrawn

General Motors Co., which like Chrysler received a government bailout and restructured in bankruptcy, withdrew its $14 billion loan application this year after deciding to finance advanced technology projects without government help.

US dealers' summer sales up

New U.S. car and truck sales are expected to lag again in June, but things should pick up in the second half of the year, the largest auto dealers group said Friday.

Paul Taylor, chief economist of the National Automobile Dealers Association, said the group anticipates inventory shortages that slowed May sales to affect this month's results. But a turnaround should occur after that.

"Gasoline prices are currently falling, and that will allow dealers to sell a full mix of new vehicles," he said. REUTERS

$4.50

Price for a gallon of gasoline that one auto industry expert believes would have triggered a shift in consumer demand for hybrids and small economy cars

China car sales see decline

Car sales in China dipped 0.1 percent in May from a year earlier, marking the first decline in more than two years amid a rapid slowdown in the world's biggest auto market.

After two consecutive years of frantic expansion, car sales in China settled into a subdued growth pattern at the beginning of 2011, with year-to-date sales up a mere 6.1 percent, having surged by almost two-thirds in 2010.

The Chinese market may continue to soften in the summer months, a traditionally slack season for car sales, followed by a moderate rebound in autumn, industry observers say. September and October are the "gold and silver" months. REUTERS

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How to park a 54-ton tank on top of a Pontiac Grand Prix sedan

In Minnesota, tanks happen to be available for personal satisfaction through destruction Reporter recounts how exhilarating novel company's fun in the forest can be

One Minnesota business sells driving experiments with tanks in wooded courses.

Click-click-clack! Click-click-clack! This is the sound of destruction, the noise of the rolling treads of a 54-ton military tank. My tank.

I'm at the wheel — well, levers — of a mean, green machine called an FV 4201 Chieftain. The 12-foot-wide vehicle is peeling forward in a mix of dust and diesel smoke, heading for a parked Pontiac Grand Prix sedan.

"My plan is to hit the car head-on, happy in the knowledge that only one of us will survive this encounter." HARPER

My plan is to hit the car head-on, happy in the knowledge that only one of us will survive this encounter. Click-click- clack, click-click-clack, crunch!

The chance to drive a tank has brought me to Kasota, Minn., a rural area 70 miles southwest of Minneapolis. For $499, the appropriately named Drive a Tank gives clients a turn piloting decommissioned British military vehicles.

I'm accompanied by my friend Jason Henrichs and we're staying with his family outside of St. Paul. "What time are you boys going to play army?" Jason's mom had asked. I'd opened my mouth to protest, but, no, that actually was an apt description.

We arrived at the warehouse and massive garage to find owner Tony Borglum loading a machine gun. Tony, 24, said he'd started importing military vehicles from the U.K. several years ago, though his first attempt to open the business was thwarted by nervous neighbors.

"Tony came by it natural," said his mother, Marie, when asked about the operation. "He's third-generation crazy."

The Chieftain is a big boy: a British machine of war built in the 1960s that had the heaviest armor and most powerful main gun of its day, firing 120-mm high-explosive rounds.

The soldier responsible for reloading the big gun has the least enviable position: His tight space inside the turret is filled with live, explosive shells. I soon scramble out, a whisper of claustrophobia urging me along.

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Number of Toyota Prius cars that equal the weight of the "Chieftain" tank, which a company in Minnesota allows wannabe tank pilots a chance to steer and destroy objects with.

'Play army'

This facility includes tank trails threading through the woods and an indoor firing range. A variety of exotic weapons like an FN P90 submachine gun and .50 caliber sniper rifle hang on the walls. Clients can shoot them as part of the $499 price.

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